

Minutes of Laceby Village Council Finance and Planning Meeting
Held at the Stanford Centre, Cooper Lane, Laceby on Tuesday 4th March 2025 at 7.30pm

- 13471 Present:** Chair – Cllr R Childs
Cllr S Greenbeck, Cllr P Schofield, Cllr P Page, Cllr S Turner, Cllr D Johnson, Cllr B Metcalf
- In Attendance:** Nicola Ashton – Clerk & RFO
Ward Cllr H Hudson
5 members of public
- Apologies:** Ward Cllr D Hasthorpe, Cllr M Hall, Cllr R Barford

Cllr Childs opened the meeting, and welcomed all present to the meeting. The statement regarding the Recording of Meetings was read out.

Apologies were received and accepted.

13472 Minutes from the 4th February 2025

The minutes from the Finance and Planning Meeting on the 4th February 2025 were proposed by Cllr Schofield and seconded by Cllr Page as a true record, and agreed by all Councillors present.

RESOLVED: That the minutes be approved as a true and accurate record of events.

13473 Declaration of Interests & Dispensations

a. Dispensations

No Dispensations recorded.

b. Declarations of Interest

No Declarations of Interest recorded.

13474 Public Forum

Members of the public may make representations, answer questions, and give evidence at a meeting to which they are entitled to attend in respect of the items on the agenda. The time designated for public participation will not exceed 15 minutes in total, and 3 minutes per person. As per standing orders 3e and 3f.

- Members of the allotment association confirmed that the insurance was now in place for the allotments. The clerk will confirm with the allotment association the total amount to go onto the allotment rental invoices. The GDPR breach was queried, and the Council advised that they had not personally breached any confidentiality. The Clerk and Cllr Childs explained that personal phone contacts had been shared within a WhatsApp group, without the permission of those people and the council. The group was set up as an allotment group with members of the allotment association as admin for the group. The Clerk explained that data could not be used this way without permission. Both members of allotment association advised they were not responsible for the group, and Cllr Childs advised that there were two admin on the group and that whoever set the group up had invited members. It was decided to move on the meeting.
- Member of the public asked if the Village Council would be looking to set up a facebook page rather than using a personal fb page. It was advised that this had been considered previously and was deemed to not be practical. The Village Council will not be setting up a facebook page.

Public Forum closed 19.43.

13475 Matters Arising

• **VE 80**

Cllr Childs advised that the LCC (Laceby Community Collective) were going to organise an event on the Thursday with a family style picnic at 5pm. The LCC requested use of the Council's Beacon, all agreed that this type of events was what the beacon was purchased for. The RBL are organising a

street party type event on the weekend, as well as a service of remembrance at the cenotaph on VE Day at 11am. The Church will hold a service on Sunday as part of the VE Day celebrations. Cllr Childs advised that the LCC were putting a poster together to advertise the event, and suggested that residents look at putting up bunting, and join in with the events.

13476 Police Matters

The Police newsletter was received, and details shared with those present (available on LVC website). Cllr Childs reiterated that all crimes should be reported to the police to enable them to build a picture of the issues in the village.

There were no further concerns to be raised directly with the policing team.

13477 Ward Councillors Report

Cllr Hudson was thanked by the Village Council for all his support, intervention, and assistance that he gave to the Village Council when NELC stopped works to the Church Wall. It was very much appreciated. Cllr Hudson advised the wall needs to be completed, and he was happy to help resolve the issue.

13478 Planning Matters

DM/0861/23/FUL – siting of additional 34 holiday lodges and static caravans (68 in total), amendments on design of managers accommodation and reception unit, infrastructure, lighting, and landscaping (Amended site layout); The Willows, Barton Street, Laceby

Councillors requested that the previous objections be raised again. The drainage system cannot cope and the plans do nothing to remedy that.

RESOLVED: Clerk to add objection to planning application.

DM/0115/25/SCO - Request for EIA Scoping opinion for a Hybrid Planning Application; Land between A1136 and A46 West of Grimsby (known locally as Freshney Valley).

Councillors noted that this was just a request for EIA scoping opinion, and was prior to any full planning application. The Council advised they would comment on any planning application as it came through, but in regards to this application a full EIA should be made compulsory by NELC.

There were no further planning applications for consideration.

13479 Finance Matters

To approve payment of accounts to 4th March 2025.

Wages x 2 members of staff - Month 12	£xxxx
HMRC – Tax and NI - Month 12	£237.75
NEST Pension – Month 12	£62.79
Chairs Allowance – March 2025	£20.00
Cemetery Waste	£55.89
Clerk Telephone/Broadband	£26.43
Clerk Petty Cash	£28.91
ICO Fees	£52.00
Church Wall – first invoice	£21,600
Anglian Water – Allotments	£101.65
HR Legal Fees	£288.00
Church Wall Legal Fees (S278)	£1100.00
Church Tree Removal	£4620.00

RESOLVED: All payments approved; proposed by Cllr Page, seconded by Cllr Schofield and all agreed.

Reviewed Policies

- Model Standing Orders - Reviewed, no changes made.
- Health and Safety Policy - Reviewed, no changes made.

Policies proposed by Cllr Metcalf and seconded by Cllr Turner; all Cllrs in agreement.

RESOLVED: Policies adopted.

Groundskeeper Vacancy

There have been 5 applications; the Personnel Committee are in process of arranging dates to interview. Cllr Greenbeck requested use of the upstairs room at the Stanford Centre.

Allotment Rents 2025/26

The Council reviewed the allotment rents for 2025/26; Cllr Metcalf proposed they be kept at £52 pa, and seconded by Cllr Turner. All in agreement.

GDPR Breach

This was discussed under public forum.

Spring Newsletter

This has been sent to the printers; the LCC have offered to deliver the newsletter this time.

Quote for Hedge Maintenance

Quote for hedge maintenance considered, and agreed for this year. St Francis Grove hedge to be cut once, and then consider if needs to be cut a second time. Cllr Greenbeck advised that the Church Hedge hugely benefitted from two cuts. The quote for works was proposed by Cllr Childs and seconded by Cllr Greenbeck, approved by all.

RESOLVED: Hedge cutting quote and works agreed.

Funding Application LCC

Cllr Childs advised that the LCC had requested funding for the summer social of £2451.

Cllr Metcalf advised that whilst the Council fully support the LCC, regrettably, the Council must ensure that the Church Wall works are completed and paid for because it is legally required to complete this work. The Council wants to help, however, are currently not in a position to do so at present.

Cllr Johnson advised that the wall is an unknown quantity, and we have already experienced significant issues. Adding that he fully supported the excellent work the LCC are doing, and they are doing a wonderful job. The Council will always support wherever they can.

It was fully agreed that the Council could not support with funding on this occasion, however, all agreed that where they could they would support the events being put on.

13480 St Francis Grove Matters

Cllr Johnson advised that vandals had broken some of the equipment after it had been repaired last year. He has found some parts and repaired the items.

13481 Church and Cemetery Matters

Church Wall

The Clerk asked how the Council would like to store the documents regarding the Church Wall. It was agreed to speak to Archives to identify the best way to preserve the documents for the future.

Cllr Metcalf advised that the works to the wall had begun again, however the traffic lights were getting a lot of negative comments from residents. The Clerk has explained that this is NELC plan, and NELC have advised people to park on the Co-op car park instead of the High Street. The wall

has to be done, and the quicker we get it done the better. It was noted a lot of the issue were from people not being considerate or patient, not from the traffic lights.

Cllr Metcalf advised that there was an issue with the gas mains, and that cadent might have to be called in to rectify the issue.

Cllr Turner advised that she had spoken to NELC about the temporary bus stop with suggestion to alleviate the current issues, however, NELC had said it wasn't their problem to resolve.

13482 Stanford Centre

Cllr Metcalf advised that the centre is used a great deal, and that the school now came in 1 day a week for reading with Mrs Wink.

13483 Correspondence

Dog Fouling

The Clerk explained that a local police officer had been in contact regarding working with the Council, the LCC, NELC and other local groups to tackle the issue with dog fouling on the village. He is hoping to work alongside enforcement to patrol the village, speak to dog walkers, ensure people had poop bags, and picked up after their dog, and visit homes if required. The Clerk advised that unless it is reported to NELC on the link shared, nothing would change; it is no good posting it on social media, it needs reporting. The Council said they would support this proposal to work together.

Highways

The Clerk advised that she had spoken to NELC highways:

- Butt Lane speed reduction – draft order is being checked, and then the order will be advertised. It is hoped the lining and signage work can be programmed for end of April with the speed limit then coming into force.
- Butt Lane Speed of Vehicles – contact provided for speed watch provided. Clerk to contact.
- Yellow lines High Street – it was thought this had been completed, however, is now planned for end of March.
- Grimsby Road – no reply from query that was sent.

13484 Information Exchange

- Cllr Turner advised that many vehicles continued to park on the path along Daisy Drive, limiting safe egress of the paths by pedestrians. Clerk to raise with NELC.

13485 Exclusion of Press and Public

RESOLVED: The exemption of the press and public for the remainder of the meeting under the Public Bodies Admissions to Meetings Act 1960, Section 1(2) on the grounds that the discussion of the following business is likely to disclose confidential information.

- HR

The Chair closed the public meeting at 8.13pm.

Signed:

Chair

Dated: